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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, 2002, at 2 p.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 9:15 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JON S. CORZINE, a Senator from the State of New Jersey.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Lord God of truth, we praise You for the revelation of Your truth to people through history. We thank You for the lodestar leadership of Nathan Hale, the courageous revolutionary patriot, who in the moments before he was hanged said, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." His grandson, Everett Hale, Chaplain of the Senate from 1903 to 1909, gave us another memorable saying that becomes the theme of our prayerful reflection this morning: "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I should do and, with the help of God, I will do!"

Father, thank You that You have a plan for each of us. Give us Everett Hale's determination to trust You for the power to follow through on what You have given us the clear conviction to do. Bless the Senators with incisive intentionality for the challenges of this day. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JON S. CORZINE led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 8, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON S. CORZINE, a Senator from the State of New Jersey, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. CORZINE thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

JOB CREATION AND WORKER ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2002

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of the House message on H.R. 3090. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3090) to provide tax incentives for economic recovery.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I move to concur in the House amendment and

ask unanimous consent that the time until 9:30 this morning be for debate with respect to the motion to concur, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders; that the Democratic time be equally divided between the distinguished Senator from West Virginia, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and the Senator from North Dakota, Mr. CONRAD; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to a vote on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the House bill without further intervening action or debate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DASCHLE. I thank my colleagues.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Who yields time?

The Senator from West Virginia.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I was on the conference committee on the stimulus package prior to Christmas, which failed. That was predicated on unemployment insurance, health benefits, and money to help States with Medicaid. Two of the three are left out in this stimulus package. I urge my colleagues to vote against this stimulus package, which I consider to be hurtful to the States but will no doubt get virtually everybody's vote for the wrong reasons.

I have been fighting for the stimulus package for a long time, obviously since September 11. I cannot, in any sense of conscience, support this bill. This has about \$9 million to expand unemployment insurance. That is good. That is fine. That is one of the three.

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